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**From:** Jill Ryan [jill@freshwaterfuture.org]  
**Sent:** 9/15/2021 8:31:24 PM  
**To:** smorduno [smorduno@Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]  
**CC:** Orr, Jeremy [jorr@nrdc.org]; bpauli [bpauli@kettering.edu]; Fox, Radhika [Fox.Radhika@epa.gov]; Aguirre, Janita [Aguirre.Janita@epa.gov]; Cisar, Elizabeth [Cisar.Elizabeth@epa.gov]; Fritz, Jan (fritzj) [jan.fritz@uc.edu]; vmking [vmking@marathonpetroleum.com]; Sylvia Orduno [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] Rev. Edward Pinkney [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]; Nick Leonard [nicholas.leonard@glelc.org]; Nayyirah Shariff [nayyirah.shariff@Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]; Elin Betanzo [elin@safewaterengineering.com]; Roper, Cyndi [croper@nrdc.org]  
**Subject:** Re: can we talk tomorrow?

Hi Sylvia,

I am following up because Reverend Pinkney specifically wanted me to participate. I guess I am unclear why petitioners outside of Benton Harbor are making the decisions - was someone from Benton Harbor included in making that decision?

Thank you,  
Jill

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I am currently residing on the traditional unceded territory of the Haudenosaunee People's lands.

On Wed, Sep 15, 2021 at 4:26 PM Sylvia Orduño <[smorduno@Ex. 6 Personal Privacy \(PP\)](mailto:smorduno@Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP))> wrote:  
Hello Jill!

Today's initial meeting is focusing on central petitioners, NEJAC Region 5 members, and EPA.

We will have a follow up meeting soon with the remaining 12 petitioner organizations, including Freshwater Future.

Thanks so much,  
Sylvia

On Wed, Sep 15, 2021 at 4:04 PM Jill Ryan <[jill@freshwaterfuture.org](mailto:jill@freshwaterfuture.org)> wrote:  
Is this call happening? Is support needed to finish scheduling?

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On Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 12:16 PM Orr, Jeremy <[jorr@nrdc.org](mailto:jorr@nrdc.org)> wrote:  
I can make 4pm tomorrow work as well.

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On Sep 14, 2021, at 11:08 AM, Benjamin Pauli <[bpauli@kettering.edu](mailto:bpauli@kettering.edu)> wrote:

Hi all,

4:00 is best for me tomorrow, although I may be able to make 5:00 work.

Best,  
Ben

On Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 10:27 AM Fox, Radhika <[Fox.Radhika@epa.gov](mailto:Fox.Radhika@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Sylvia and Colleagues:

Would it be possible to schedule time on Wed – either at 4pm or 5pm eastern – to discuss the issues outlined in the petition? I would welcome you all deciding who should be in the meeting and I will bring leadership from headquarters and Region 5

Janita Aguirre – my chief of staff – can arrange the meeting. And, Sylvia, Elizabeth Cisar – Senior Advisor in Office of Water can help think through the meeting if you want to speak for a few moments

I hope we can try and get this scheduled for tomorrow. I am on work travel Thur/Friday – so Monday 9/20 is an option too but would welcome talking sooner if your schedules can accommodate

My best, Radhika

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**Subject:** Bringing your attention to an EPA petition on Benton Harbor

Dear Admin. Asst. Fox,

You may already be aware of this but I wanted to bring to your attention an emergency petition to EPA filed today for assistance with a 6th lead action level exceedance in Benton Harbor, Michigan. It is directed to you along with Administrator Regan, Region 5 Acting Admin Newton, and Acting Asst Admin Starfield. (You should have received it via email and regular mail.)

I am cc'ing OEJ leadership and Region 5 members of the NEJAC here too.

I recognize you are well aware of lead service lines issues in many EJ communities and are working hard to ensure that the Office of Water and other EPA offices can and will be responsive to the public health and infrastructure needs of impacted communities. Unfortunately, many efforts to address this small community's crisis with Michigan and Region 5 officials have not been met with the urgency that is required for this very low-income, Black majority to have safe drinking water since 2018. We have a public health

crisis underway amidst the COVID-19 pandemic that I hope you can help address in a very expedited manner.

Based on your open and welcoming conversations with the NEJAC on the importance of EJ issues, and that this community's concerns have come during the Council public comments and discussions, I thought it important to note this. We can't have soon enough a revised EPA lead and Copper Rule and resources to address the water crises in our communities.

Radhika, thank you for receiving this and I look forward to discussing the matter more with EPA HQ and Region 5 leadership and members of the Benton Harbor community in the near future. Please know that we will continue to follow up on efforts with local, state, and regional officials meanwhile.

With much appreciation and regard,

Sylvia Orduño

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